Drug Addiction

2030. SHRI ADINARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any arrangements in the hospitals of the country to give a special treatment to people who are affected by drug addiction, drugs like heroin etc.; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b). Facilities for treatment of drugs addiction exist in most of the major hospitals as well as medical colleges. These are suitably modified from time to time.

Appointment of Class IV Staff in Mechanical Branch (Doco) of Lucknow

2031. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that out of a panel of 466 candidates recently formed for appointment to Class IV posts in Mechanical Branch (Loco) of the Lucknow Division of the North Eastern Railway 207 have not been appointed as yet; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and by when all the selected candidates are likely to be appointed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The service particulars of 207 candidates are being verified. After the verfication is completed, the eligible candidates will be considered for appointment in Gruop 'D' subject to availability of vacancies.

Interim relief for Railwaymen

2032. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item published in the New Delhi edition of the *Times of India* of the 17th July, 1985 regarding the demand that the second interim relief for railwaymen granted from March 1985 should be effective from June 1, 1983 and that this should be reckoned as pay for all purposes; and

(b) if so, what is Government's action thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(a) The orders regarding the second interim relief issued by the Ministry of Railways are based on, and identical with, those issued by the Ministry of Finance for the Central Government employees in all respects, including the date from which the interim relief is to be paid and the purposes for which it is to be reckoned as pay. The Ministry of Railways propose to continue to maintain uniformity with the employees of other Central Government Department in the matter of payment of interim relief to Railway employees.

Mentally retarded persons in the country

2033. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a survey conducted by the National Institute of Mental Health and the neuro sciences has discovered that about 14 million people in India are affected by serious mental disorders;

(b) whether it is a fact that mental health services available in the country are too inadequate to cope with the problem; and